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Dublin Castle, 18th October, 1798.

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*Extract of a Letter received this Morning from Sir J. Borlase Warren to Lord Viscount Castlereagh, dated from His Majesty's Ship the Canada, in Lough Swilly, the 16th instant.*

" MY LORD,

" I TAKE the Liberty of communicating to you, for the Information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that I fell in with the Enemy's Squadron on the 12th instant, the *Rosses* bearing S. S. W. five Leagues, and after an Action which continued most Part of the Day, four of their Ships struck their Colours.

" I believe a Brig with *Napper Tandy* on Board was in Company, as she left the *French* at the Commencement of the Business. The Enemy's Ships had Numbers of Troops, Arms, Stores, and Ammunition; and large Quantities of Papers were torn, and thrown over Board after they had struck.

" I am of Opinion that few of the Frigates which escaped will arrive in *France*, as they had received much Damage in their Masts and Rigging; and from the violent Gales that followed the next Day, they must be in a crippled State, and may, in all Probability, be picked up by some of the Squadrons on the Coast of *France*; or by Admiral *Kingsmill's* Cruisers. They had thrown every Thing over Board, Boats, Spars, Arm Chests, &c.

" I left the Prizes with the *Robuste*, *Magnanime*, *Ethalion*, and *Amelia*. The *Hoche*, of 84 Guns, was one of the Ships taken.

" I am, &c."

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IT appears by a Letter from Major General the Earl of *Cavan*, of a later Date, that the *Melampus* had arrived off *Lough Swilly* with another Frigate in Tow, which she had been sent in Pursuit of; so that the Number of Prizes amounts to five.